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## THE MARRIAGE ALTAR.

### The Sentinel's Record of Holt County Marriages During the Year 1919.

Approximately one out of every nine marriages in the United States is terminated by divorce. Taking the ten-year period, 1909 to 1918, inclusive, the average number of divorces has been one for every seven marriages. Desecration is shown by the national census department to have been the cause for about 38 per cent of the divorces. Among other leading causes were, cruelty, infidelity and failure to provide.

It is the married men that pay the bulk of the income tax, and this perhaps is the reason why so few Holt county people got married in 1919. Think of it! 1,450,725 married men paid on a total income, in 1918, of \$8,390,851. Only 73,788 single men paid on incomes, amounting to \$307,045,768.

Statistics show that women, though their incomes are smaller, save more than the men. For example, 25,368 netted \$128,811,231 in incomes, almost twice as much per individual as unmarried men.

If we base divorces on basis of population, official statistics show there are 112 divorces to every 100,000 population.

Young people, contemplating marriage, should bear in mind that divorce court proceedings are thoroughly unpleasant. Many men, as the result of a hasty marriage, find themselves tied down by an alimony order, which is a heavy burden and a severe penalty on their rashness.

There were three golden weddings in Holt county during the year: Hein Vollmers and wife, of near Craig, July 26; Wm. Wakely and wife, Maitland, October 10; D. H. Swope and wife, Blair district, November 11.

The first marriage of the year was Fannie Sinclair, of Forest City, and Wm. W. Allen, of Gray Rock, Wyo., January 4.

The last marriages were those of Louis J. Kunkel and Miss Stella E. Mann were married January 1, 1920. Wm. R. Boswell and Mildred Rhine Nauman, and Geo. W. Ramsay and Hattie Leach, all on December 31. J. B. Kraser and Maude Wickler, and Anthony Weller and Buelah Lockhart, Christmas Day.

Jacob King and wife celebrated their 60th wedding day, January 26. Jack Scott and Sarah L. Waits, of Craig, were married in St. Joseph, Ground hog day, Feb. 2; he is 81 and the bride, 76.

In Holt county during the year, there were 108 marriage licenses issued by Recorder Simpson, and there were 64 couples who went to St. Joseph and other places to get married, 46 of these were married in St. Joseph.

It is regrettable that so many go away from home for this purpose, for the reason it brings up the ratio of divorces to marriages, that it looks bad as to Holt's social life, but it would not look bad if they were all married in Holt county, or at least obtained their licenses from Holt county—but the census department only recognizes the county or place from whence license is issued.

There were 12 divorces granted in Holt county during the year 1919, and 108 marriage licenses issued, hence the ratio of divorces to marriages was one divorce to each 9 marriages, whereas, had these licenses been issued in the county the ratio would only be one divorce to every 14 marriages, and this is really the honest situation because in 95 per cent of these marriages both the contracting parties at the time were residents of the county. So, after all, marriage does not seem to be much of a failure so far as Holt county is concerned.

Taking the past ten-year period, 1910-1919, both inclusive, there have been 1,006 marriage licenses issued and 130 divorces granted—not quite one divorce for each eight marriages. Recorder Simpson issued 23 licenses during the month of December, 1919, which is the largest December record in the past ten years, and he is simply delighted with the record, as well as the revenue.

The following is the list of marriages for the year:

Wm. W. Allen, of Gray Rock, Wyo., and Fannie Sinclair, of Forest City, by Probate Judge Harry M. Dungan, January 4.

Victor J. Alderdice, of Coldwater, Kansas, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Brumbaugh, of Maitland, May 7th, by Rev. Geo. P. Sturges.

Harold L. Allen, of Maitland, and Sylvia Crane, of Monteville, Mo., in St. Joseph, September 2.

Albert Allison and Lydia Cook, of Craig, in St. Joseph, October 23.

Anna Lee Anderson, of Forest City, and Edward F. Abbott, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, November 26, by Rev. R. L. Stratton.

Bruce E. Bullock and Edna F. Alkire, of Forest City, February 12, by Rev. E. F. Cooley.

A. A. Brown, of Bigelow, and Miss Anna Turpin, of Clearmont, Mo., at Clarinda, February 22.

Nancy Burgess, of Maitland, and John Wardlaw, of Graham, in St. Joseph, April 24.

George W. Beauchamp, of Craig, and Nora Marker, of St. Joseph, in St. Joseph, April 30.

Reed Bailey, of Oregon, and Nellie Pruseman, of Amherst, Colo., by Rev. C. F. Hand, June 15.

Banning, Herman, of Mound City, and Nellie Smith, of Bigelow, at Falls City, Neb., July 31.

Will Brickey, of Maitland, and Miss Verna Kaufman, of Graham, in St. Joseph, August 28.

Samuel Bert Bolich, of Wianer, Neb., and Mary Ellen Combs, of Mound City, by Harry M. Dungan, judge of probate, September 8.

Fred E. Bickel and Lucy R. Zachary, of Mound City, November 22, by Rev. L. E. Jones.

Guy Brown and Ethel Kennedy, of Oregon, in St. Joseph, by Justice Forgrave, November 1.

Edith M. Boyd, of Oregon, and Frank L. Driver, of St. Joseph, in St. Joseph, November 11.

Mr. Viola L. Ball, of Craig, and Clarence W. Scott, of Hiawatha, Kansas, November 27, by Rev. L. P. Forke.

William R. Boswell and Mildred R. Kunkel, of New Point, Mo., license issued December 31, 1919.

Hughes Burnside and Miss Dollie S. Rickland, of Holt county, December 2, by J. G. Walker, justice of peace, a. Forbes.

Harry Ball and Miss Agnes Allen, of Oregon, December 29, by Harry M. Dungan, judge of probate.

Isaac L. Lloyd, of Fortescue, and Miss Lenore Pierson, of Forest City, December 24, by Harry M. Dungan, probate judge, at Oregon.

Harry Orville Burke, of Mound City, and Miss Ada Mae Foster, of Skidmore, license issued December 24.

Clarence Carmichael, of Mound City, and Miss Ada Yates, of Burlington Junction, Mo., in St. Joseph, February 17.

Jess Cordrey and Frances McIntyre, of Oregon, in Savannah, February 6.

Lynn Cowan, of Maitland, and Miss Mildred Meyer, of Mound City, in Topeka, Kansas, May 22.

Russell Carr, of Hamburg, Iowa, and Martha E. Profit, of Oregon, by Harry M. Dungan, probate judge, June 9.

Russell E. Carter and Colene Smith, of Mound City, by Rev. Granville Snell, June 19.

John A. Brown and Helen Gibbs, of Craig, October 20, by Rev. Leonard Parker.

Bryan O. Childers and Miss Elita Merca Patterson, of Maitland, December 2, by Rev. L. D. Neher.

David, of Maitland, and Minnie Blake, of Graham, in St. Joseph, Feb. 28.

Ernest H. Drewes and Virginia Randall, of Craig, in St. Joseph, February 26, by Rev. C. M. Chilton.

Everett R. Dodge and Goldie Carter, of Forest City, by Harry M. Dungan, probate judge, March 1.

Howard Dodson and Mary Catron, of Bigelow, by Judge H. M. Dungan, April 24.

Clifford A. Douglas and Maggie L. Clift, of Forest City, by Harry M. Dungan, judge of probate, September 6.

George Dodge, of Forest City, and Lottie Roe, of Benton Harbor, Mich., by Jas. E. Cummins, J. P., of Oregon, September 22.

Madge Donovan and Arthur Strader, of Rock Port, at Griswold, Iowa, October 2.

F. C. Eddy and Blanche Browning, of Mound City, in St. Joseph, February 25.

Martin Ray Embrice and Dessie Profit, of Oregon, in St. Joseph, July 5.

Will R. Everhart, of Maitland, and Miss Ethel Smith, of Galesburg, Ill., August 31, by Elder Harlan.

Harry Edwards, of Curzon, and Lucy Gillenwater, of Forbes, August 8, by Elder Albert Martin.

Enoch, Henry, of Elwood, Kansas, and Lillie Armstrong, of Stewartville, Mo., October 5, by Rev. O. T. Reed.

Donald Emerson, of Forest City, and Agnes Miles, of Mound City, November 24, by Rev. Werner.

Pearl Freed, of Mound City, and Frank A. Miller, of Fairfax, in St. Joseph, March 29.

Ed Lee Ferguson and Mary Pfaffner, of Craig, by Rev. Wm. R. Dohy, in St. Joseph, April 20.

Berlin Ford and Nellie Smith, of Forest City, in St. Joseph, April 2.

Opal Fryman, of Craig, and Joseph McGovern, of Providence, N. J., in St. Joseph, May 13.

Geo. J. Fries and Mona Grace Kenish, of Mound City, August 31, by Rev. Leonard P. Parker.

Fred Fancher and Vernal Gore, of Oregon, in St. Joseph, September 10.

Keith D. Foster and Carrie Prussman, of Forest City, October 15, by Rev. H. A. Doughty.

Amanda Foster, of Holt county, and Samuel Kinser, of Doniphan county, Kansas, at Craig, November 9, by Justice W. A. Browning.

Dane M. Feagans, of Washington C. H., Ohio, and Miss Ruth Maier, of Mound City, December 23, by Rev. Jewell Howard, at Mound City.

Clarence Gilliland, of Mound City, and Ora Litten, of Maitland, in St. Joseph, January 23.

Ellsworth George and Grace Foster, of Oregon, in St. Joseph, March 30.

Donovan O. Graves, of Maitland, and Ruby Shull, of Skidmore, in St. Joseph, April 7.

Hubert Goodspeed, of Oregon, and Garry Wayman, of Grant City, in St. Joseph, April 19.

Jesse Gibson, of Mound City, and Sarah Goodspeed, of Ford City, Mo., at Ford City, May 14.

John L. Griffin, of Albany, Mo., and Zula Hopkins, of Craig, October 28, by Rev. J. M. Bailey.

Joubert Godfrey Kruser and Miss Maude Ilma Wickiser, of Craig, December 25, by Rev. J. M. England.

Frederick W. Geib and Miss Laura Asendorf, of Craig, December 14, by Rev. P. T. Schmidt.

Bruce Goseen and Miss Nettie Stockwell, of Craig, December 24, by Rev. J. M. England.

Charles W. Headley and Emma Hoffmann, of Oregon, in St. Joseph, January 18.

Leonard V. Hopper, of Forest City, and Mary E. Sipes, of Forbes, January 31.

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## He Will Tell Em.

Geo. A. Conway, the news hustler up at Bigelow, who through his spunky son has done much for his town, will be on deck at the "Farmers' Week" at the state university, and will tell the people on January 23 what he knows about "free-keeping"—that is, he will give them only an epitome, for he took the task of telling them all he knew about the "busy bee" there wouldn't be anything else doing at that meeting.

We will ask Jewell Mayes, the affable secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, to take good care of Mr. Conway, for he will be a long way from home.

## A Good Showing.

The total receipts into the state treasury during 1919 were \$25,062,337, an increase of \$3,987,894 over the receipts of 1918.

Expenditures from the revenue fund during the year showed an increase of \$853,275 over the preceding year.

The inheritance tax contributed \$1,408,108 to the state's revenue during 1919.

The state penitentiary earned \$1,087,663 during the year, and had a balance of \$20,809 on hand at the close of the year.

Receipts for road funds during the year amounted to \$1,832,861, and expended \$941,013.

## General Wood Announces.

Major General Leonard Wood filed at Pierre, S. D., on December 31, a formal announcement of his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination with the South Dakota secretary of state.

Formal entrance of Major General Wood in the race for the presidential nomination will not change his status in the army or make it necessary for him to resign.

## American Legion Meets.

The Harris E. Petree Post of the American Legion, at a regular meeting held Monday night of this week, January 5, selected the following officers to serve during the present year:

H. A. Danks, Commander.

R. T. Dohy, Vice Commander.

C. W. Bosne, Adjutant.

J. R. Burger, Finance Officer.

C. J. Mark, Historian.

A. V. Rostock, Chaplain.

A very lively meeting was held, and efforts made to get the Post upon a more solid working basis, and we feel that with the selection of Danks as commander, and Bosne as adjutant, that the Post will have a very successful year, as both are eminently qualified for the positions. The next regular meeting will be held Monday night, January 19, at which time it is requested that all members be present, as a number of things of interest to all members will be taken up and disposed of.

Let all be present or forever hold their peace. COM.

## To See His Boy.

Charley Kooch is a kid again—his daddy, Charles Kooch, of Sedalia, Mo., is here on a visit with him and Mrs. Kooch, and that boy is strictly on his good behavior. Mr. K. is now 78, and is a wonderfully well preserved man, considering the fact that he saw much service as a Union soldier, being a member of the 30th Missouri Infantry, participating in the siege of Vicksburg and many other prominent engagements in the trans-Mississippi department. He enlisted in St. Louis, and is familiar with the troublesome times of that city in the 60's, the taking of Camp Jackson and other exciting scenes of those days.

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## December, 1919, Weather.

Notwithstanding the mild weather which prevailed the last ten days of December, 1919, the mean temperature was 14 degrees below that of 1918, and with the exception of 1909 and 1917 it was the third lowest in the past fifteen years—in 1909, the mean was 13 degrees; in 1917, it was 19, and in 1919 it was 20. The normal temperature for December is 31 degrees. During the first three weeks of the month there were but few days when the temperature was above freezing, and it was below zero five days, ranging from 6 to 19 below, the lowest being on the 10th of the month.

Taking the year as a whole, it shows a mean temperature of 50.5 degrees, about 4 degrees below the annual mean, which was caused by the extreme cold of January and February, and the low temperature of the summer months.

While December shows only 39 of an inch in precipitation, the year shows a total rainfall of 38.48 inches, which is about 2½ inches above the yearly normal.

The snowfall for December, 1919, was three inches, which was 22½ inches below the monthly normal. The annual snowfall for 1919 was 20 inches, or 12 inches below what we should have had. The six-inch snow of November and the three-inch snow in December furnished good sleighing up to Christmas.

The coldest December day ever known here was 27 below on the 1st in 1871.

The coldest Christmas day was 17 below in 1879.

The warmest December month was 44 in 1890.

The heaviest annual snowfall was 63.93 inches in 1898.

The heaviest annual rainfall was 51.32 inches in 1915.

The coldest day of the year, 1919, was 29 below on January 31.

The hottest days were: July 27 and August 6, each 98 degrees.

We had three white holidays during the year—snow was on the ground New Year's, Thanksgiving and Christmas of 1919.

The wettest months of the year were June and September, 6.47 inches of precipitation in June, and 6.09 inches in September.

The driest months were January and December, only .09 of an inch in the former, and .39 in the latter.

The Missouri river was closed by ice on December 2.

We sometimes ask: Do climates change? To which we say no; that they generally remain about the same. But one thing is certain—there has been some changes going on in these parts during the past ten years.

The normal rainfall has been put down at 36 inches, but the past ten-year period places it at 27.18 inches.

The snowfall normal has been placed at 32 inches, but we have had only an average of 22.82 inches during the past ten-year period.

Hence the summary shows that while we have had a warmer temperature, we have had less moisture by rain and snow.

Temperature, rainfall and snowfall for the year 1919:

	Rain	Snow	Tem.
January	.09	1.00	28
February	1.97	10.00	39
March	2.29	0.00	41
April	4.14	0.00	60
May	5.91	0.00	60
June	6.47	0.00	70
July	3.41	0.00	78
August	1.63	0.00	72
September	6.09	0.00	68
October	1.70	0.00	57
November	4.39	0.00	32
December	.39	3.00	20
	38.48	20.00	50.5

The extremes for the month of December, 1919, have been:

	Max.	Min.
18	42	3
26	41	9
29	48	10
30	53	13
31	45	14

Mean maximum, 30; mean minimum, 11; mean, 20.

Precipitation for December, .39. Greatest in twenty-four hours, .30 on the 8th-9th. Snow, 3 inches.

Christmas day, maximum, 34; minimum, 25; cloudy.

## In The Field.

The fourteenth federal census of the United States is now on, having begun on Friday last, January 2. The thirteenth census, 1910, was begun on Friday, April 15. The enumerators will call at every dwelling house in every town and at every farm to secure the information necessary, to fill out the questions contained on the printed census schedules.

The taking of the census is expected to take two weeks, but figures showing the total population probably will not be available until the end of April. The total count for the United States is expected to show a population of 107,000,000 to 112,000,000, as compared with 93,000,000 in 1910.

Many are wondering as to what the Holt county census will show. If there had been no emigration it might show again, as we have had in the ten-year period a total of 2,233 births, and a total of 1,240 deaths, which would give us a gain of 993 over the 1910 census, if they were all still here as in 1910.

The immigration has been small, while the emigration has been very heavy, caused by many going to find cheaper lands, and the younger going to the larger cities to find more lucrative employment.

We are guessing, however, that our population will show a slight decrease of some 200 from that of 1910.

## Boswell-Kunkel.

Came they to the Presbyterian manse in New Point, Mo., on the first day of the new year, 1920. Mr. William R. Boswell and Miss Mildred R. Kunkel to have the Rev. T. D. Roberts unite them in marriage, according to the laws of the state of Missouri. The hour was 10:30 in the morning, and at the close of the ceremony they went away to Forest City and thence by train to St. Joseph for their honeymoon trip. The father and mother and little sister, Florence, of the bride were present to witness the marriage.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boswell, of New Point, and is one of the industrious farmer boys of the community and has the making of a successful farmer, a calling that is coming more and more into its own. Ray was brought up in this community and attended the public schools of New Point. The bride, known as Millie Kunkel, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Kunkel, and that would seem to be enough to say, for their girls are known for their nobleness and their training for taking their full share in the home work and measuring up to the expectancy of society. It would seem that Mr. and Mrs. Kunkel's young people have been in demand for life companions, for four of them in less than two years, and three of them in the past three months, have answered the claims of cupid. We are glad to know that we are not to lose Mr. and Mrs. Boswell from the community, but that they will go to housekeeping and farming on one of Mr. Robert Boswell's farms near New Point. Their many friends wish them much happiness and success in their united journey through life.

A prenuptial shower was given Miss Kunkel at the home of Miss Irene Acton, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 31, and was attended by a number of her friends, who brought many useful articles for the new home. Refreshments were served and those present enjoyed a very pleasant social afternoon.

## Lacey-Hibbard.

Our little city was pleasantly surprised on Sunday, January 4, when two of our most prominent people were quietly united in marriage. The contracting parties were Mr. John P. Lacey and Mrs. Nettie R. Hibbard. The ceremony, which made them man and wife, was performed by Rev. J. M. Bailey at the home of the bride at 3 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Lacey are among the best known of Oregon's residents, and a host of friends unite in wishing the man happy and prosperous journey through the coming years of life.

## The Red Round-up.

The greatest round-up of radicals in the nation's history was put into practical